

**256.31 Community college council.**

1. A community college council is established consisting of six members. Membership of the council shall be as follows:

a. The three members of the state board of education who have knowledge of issues and concerns affecting the community college system as provided in section 256.3.

b. An additional member of the state board of education appointed annually by the president of the state board of education.

c. A community college president appointed by an association which represents the largest number of community college presidents in the state.

d. A community college trustee appointed by an association which represents the largest number of community college trustees in the state.

2. The nonboard members shall serve staggered terms of three years beginning on May 1 of the year of appointment. Vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall commence service on the date of appointment and shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term.

3. The council shall assist the state board of education with substantial issues which are directly related to the community college system. The state board shall refer all substantial issues directly related to the community college system to the council. The council shall formulate recommendations on each issue referred to it by the state board and shall submit the recommendations to the state board within any specified time periods.

4. a. The council shall prepare a written five-year statewide strategic plan at least once every five years for Iowa's community colleges in consultation with a working group of stakeholders. The working group shall be composed of thirteen members appointed as follows:

(1) The governor shall appoint one member.

(2) The Iowa association of community college trustees shall appoint one member.

(3) The Iowa association of community college presidents shall appoint one member.

(4) The administrator of the division of community colleges and workforce preparation of the department of education or the administrator's designee.

(5) The director of the department of workforce development or the director's designee.

(6) The director of the department of economic development or the director's designee.

(7) The president of the senate, after consultation with the majority leader of the senate, shall appoint one legislative member.

(8) The minority leader of the senate shall appoint one legislative member.

(9) The speaker of the house shall appoint one legislative member.

(10) The minority leader of the house of representatives shall appoint one legislative member.

(11) The Iowa association of school boards shall appoint one member.

(12) The Iowa state education association shall appoint one member.

(13) The Iowa association of business and industry shall appoint one member.

b. A legislative member is eligible for per diem and expenses as provided in section 2.10. Appointments to the task force are subject to the requirements of sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

c. The plan shall be submitted to the state board of education for approval and adoption. 90 Acts, ch 1253, §7; 92 Acts, ch 1027, §1, 2; 2000 Acts, ch 1167, §3